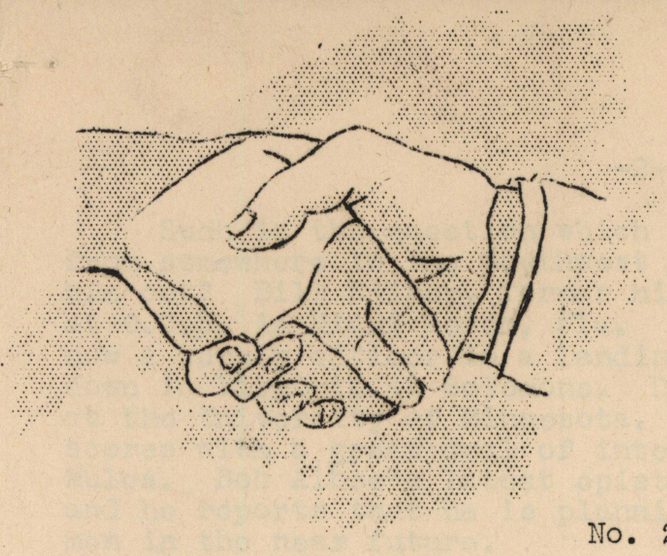

From Me To You

No. 27

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Hello:

By this time you have all probably recovered from New Year's eve and are full of pep for the new year. The College has survived 1943 and is looking forward to plenty of action in 1944.

The basketball team has three more victories to its credit since last I wrote you. They defeated St. Joseph's College 53-41, Swarthmore, for the second time this season 40-28, and Villanova 53-38. So far the boys have defeated four teams who have played or will play in Madison Square Garden this year - namely, Temple, Penn State, St. Joe's and C.C.N.Y. I can't make any predictions but I hope that before the season is over we may play in the Garden ourselves.

The wrestling team had their initial baptism of fire when they locked horns with the Engineers of Lehigh. The outcome - Lehigh 19, Muhlenberg 14. This was a fine showing for a team about which few predictions could be made and bids fair to be a good season for the grunt-and-groaners.

And now for some long accumulated mail:

Claude Dierolf is now stationed at Nashville, Tenn. His greatest concern at the moment is how to keep warm in a typical G.I. barracks. Bud Bossick, home on a short furlough, dropped in the office, but I missed him. Reports were that Bud never looked better and that his outfit is going to practice field artillery fire.

Had a fine letter from Henry Eisenhart who is presently located in Sicily. Henry says that he has built a small stove from an old oil can and odd pieces of pipe and that he is considering a patent on it when he returns. Clark Diefenderfer has arrived in England after quite a trip. He finds the people quite friendly and sociable and says that the G.I.'s have really taken over.

Ken Struble is at Cochran Field, Macon, Georgia. Harold D. Nehf reports that after the period of indoctrination at Princeton, he took a course in Ship and Aircraft Recognition at Ohio State and then was ordered to Norfolk where he is an instructor in the Destroyer Escort program. Ensign Dick Zellers writes from New York that he is on a shakedown cruise after which he expects to be sent to Sub Chaser School at Miami, Florida. Dick was married the day after he graduated from Midshipman's School, Columbia, to the former Grace E. Smith. Congrats, Dick.

"Should the Nazis make use of electrical juice
To power their blitzkrieg advances,
Could we possibly say as they roll on their way,
That the Nazis have amps in their panzers?"

Such is the question which Lieut. George E. Boyer poses from somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area. Can anyone help him out? Bill Wilbur, former history mentor at 'Berg is now at O.C.S. in Miami Beach, Fla. Ensign Denny Beattie, Jr. is now a supply officer in a landing ship tank and is presently down in Virginia at Solomons. Donald Kuhnsman is going strong at the University of Minnesota. Don follows the basketball scores with a great deal of interest and is rooting for the Mules. Bob Albee's latest epistle came through the other day and he reports that he is planning to look for some Muhlenberg men in the near future.

Bill Beisel is still boning away on Chemistry and Physics at Lake Forrest College. Dennis Webster writes a lengthy and intellectual epistle. By now, I suppose he has been transferred from Norfolk. His description of the base is really classic. Cheer up, Dennis, Worse things can happen to you than being in the Navy.

Roy Kern writes from India and remarks about the scarcity of women, liquor and social activities. A letter dated Nov. 15 from Stauffer Hoffner relates that his outfit completely defeated the Jap 13th regiment which is the pride of South Japan. Somewhere in the Central Pacific is Lieut. James A. Rogers '36. Jim says that he ran into George Legg, a few days ago. Chaplain E. P. Truchses is with the Seabees overseas and he writes: "On my way out here, which included a ride on a large Navy tanker, hide and seek with a large Jap sub and a very bumpy plane ride, I still had another thrill. That was just before the last jump that landed me at my destination. We had been put ashore on one of the islands just as night fell. We did get some chow and a place to sleep - but such as they were!!! The next morning we got some real chow. Imagine my delight when I sat down in the mess hall to see written in large letters on a rafter 'KENNETH (DUSTY) RHOADS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.' I went on the scout for Dusty for I have long remembered that name as a former Mule. Alas and alack, I learned that he had shoved off North some two or three months before our arrival. At any rate, he's somewhere in the Pacific, or was. And if you know where he is, say 'Hello' to him from an old fraternity brother".

Martin Sheinella, now at U. of P. Dental School in Philadelphia. Maurice Horn, after spending six months at the University of Michigan, has been sent to Camp Savage, Minn., where he hopes to graduate from O.C.S. in the middle of January. He heard from Herb Dowd who is somewhere in Italy. Lieut. Frank DePierro is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. Harold Benjamin is on maneuvers somewhere in Tennessee. Major Al Kramer has returned to the states and is becoming amphibious under the guidance of the Navy. Capt. LeRoy Moyer has been changed to the 68th General Hospital at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Francis Gendall wrote me a fine letter last month. He has traveled a good bit in the West and at present is at Fort Lewis, Washington. Joe Brader was married in October and is finishing his course as a radio operator in a B-24 Liberator. Bill Richards reports that food and living conditions in England are quite favorable and that he is anxious to see the country. Lieut. Dale M. Posey has been assigned to a Navy Troop Transport as medical officer.

Here are some changes of address and names of new Mules in service:

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Pvt. William Somerville '42
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Staten Island, N. Y.

John T. Butz '38
Co. 1995 Great Lakes N.T.S.
Great Lakes, Illinois

Chapl. Harold E. Artz '32
U. S. N. R.
11th Spec. N.C.B.
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John Growich '46
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Pvt. George Rizos '44
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Co. A 40 I.T.B.
Camp Croft, S. C.

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Fort Pierce Area
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Co. S 1st. Regt.
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Capt. Ed. T. Horn, Jr. '36
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Corp. J. Francis Fleischman '45
287th Com. Eng. Bn.
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Pfc. Woodrow W. Kistler '34
404th Coll. Co.
162nd. Med. Bn.
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Ensign R. J. Zellers '43
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This, gentlemen, is the last letter I shall write you for quite some time. I have been commissioned a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in the United States Naval Reserve and leave for Fort Schuyler on January 28th. It has really been a pleasure to have had the opportunity of chatting with you men for the past sixteen months. I have enjoyed immensely the many fine personal letters which you have sent me and which has made the writing of this "scuttlebut" easier and more informative. I regret that I shall be forced to discontinue for a time but I am looking forward eagerly to that grand victory reunion when we can all meet on the campus once again and renew friendships and relate the many things which have happened to us. I do hope that you will show the same spirit of friendly cooperation to whoever takes over the letter. Your letters are the ones which make this little effort and the Alumni Magazine so interesting. Keep them coming.

As soon as I have a service address, it will be included in the "scuttlebut" and I do hope that you men will continue writing me. I'll certainly be delighted to hear from each and every one of you.

As ever,

John

John H. Wagner
Alumni Secretary

P.S. You men are no doubt meeting many fine, prospective Mules. Keep plugging your College and take every opportunity to talk 'Berg. We will need your support and these men after the war.